GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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CONDITIONS OF DARI WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the pitiable condition of `dari weavers` in Bihar and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether these weavers in Bihar are neither getting raw material on concessional rates nor loans from banks/financial institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to encourage and provide assistance to weavers in the country, especially in Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINSITER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)to(c) The earnings of weavers had increased over the period as per handloom census results 1995-96. NABARD and SIDB continue to extend refinance facility to the weavers/craftsmen spread all over the country and Rs.205.32 lakhs was provided to the artisans/weavers in the State of Bihar during 1996-97 to 1998-99.

(d)&(e) Government of India extends financial assistance to State Governments under developmental and welfare schemes for the benefit of weavers/craftsmen. These schemes are applicable to all States including Bihar and their main thrust is on skill up-gradation, design & product development, support for marketing, construction of workshed-cum-House, etc. Further, Government of Bihar had set up 8 weaver`s training centres in different districts to impart training to `Dari Weavers`.